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## **Board Grant Approvals Benefit Desert Communities**

SAN BERNARDINO-The Board of Supervisors accepted a grant award of \$200,000 from the Habitat Conservation Fund to develop a 3.1 mile trail in Joshua Tree.

The project will incorporate the establishment of two trail loops totaling 3.1 miles, overlaying the current area known as "Section Six", which is located south of Highway 62 in Joshua Tree.

The initial development will focus on reducing habitat degradation and streamline allowable activities by providing designated parking areas, restrooms, and establish routes of travel around the site. Informational kiosks will be placed along the trail to educate the public on the natural resources of the area, creating an interactive experience with the environment.

The Board also approved the submittal of a grant application to the State Water Resources Control Board to request funding for the installation of an inter-connection pipeline between County Service Area 70 in Pioneertown and the Hi-Desert Water District in Yucca Valley for the Pioneertown Water Improvement Project.

The Pioneertown Water Improvement Project has long been working to address water quality issues and the development of a water project to provide Pioneertown with potable water.

"I am pleased with the Board's actions today," said Chairman James Ramos. "I want the residents of the desert communities to know that they have a strong voice advocating for them on the Board."

More information regarding these two items can be found in the September 1<sup>st</sup> agenda at <http://cob-sire.sbcounty.gov/sirepub/>.

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